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**AMENDMENT**

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action of the Examiner mailed July 28, 2006, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending October 28, 2006. This response is filed within the set period such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.